GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1045
ANSWERED ON:23.10.2008
MEMORIAL OF LATE SHRI MORARJI DESAI
Kanodia Shri Mahesh Kumar;Mistry Shri Madhusudan Devram;Patel Shri Harilal Madhavjibhai;Solanki Shri Bhupendrasinh Prabhatsinh

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received a proposal from the Government of Gujarat for acquiring the land from the Sabarmati Ashram Gaushala Trust, Ahmedabad, as the possession of the land is with CPWD to develop suitable memorial on the Samadhi of late Shri Morarji Desai;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government of India on the proposal of Government of Gujarat; and

(c) the present status of the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The land for the memorial was given by the Sabarmati Ashram Gaushala Trust, Ahmedabad without any cost. A Memorial of Shri Morarji Desai named 'Abhay Ghat' has been constructed at the bank of river Sabarmati. The construction work started in July, 1997 and was completed in March, 1999. The memorial is being maintained by CPWD. As such, there is no question of acquiring the land on payment of its cost, at this stage. The Government of Gujarat has been informed accordingly.